

Docket No.: 826.1764

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi IKEDA et al.

Serial No. 09/982,840

Group Art Unit: 2825

Confirmation No. 8384

Filed: October 22, 2001

Examiner: Magid Y. Dimyan

For:

ROUTE SEARCHING METHOD, TIMING ANALYZING METHOD, WAVEFORM ANALYZING METHOD, ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT SIMULATION APPARATUS, AND

STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on January 20, 2006. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 21, 2006 (the Tuesday after the Presidents' Day holiday).

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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